

# **Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee**

## ***Action Minutes for October 7, 2004***

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Committee, Economic, & Human Development Committee. Audio recordings of the meeting may be heard in the SCAG office during office hours.

Then Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Robertson, Rialto. There was a quorum.

**Committee Chair:** Deborah Robertson, Rialto  
**Committee Vice Chair:** Paul Bowlen, Cerritos

### **Members Present**

Alberg, Lyle  
Alexander, William  
Bowlen, Paul  
Cruz-Madrid, Cristina  
Davert, Doug  
Hofmeyer, Daryl  
Mary Ann Lutz  
McCarthy, Keith  
McCullough, Kathryn  
Mc Sweeney, Susan  
Moreno Jr., Efren J.  
Norby, Chris  
Nowatka, Paul  
Perry, Bev  
Pinkard, Bedford  
Yousefian, Bob

### **Representing**

WRCOG Subregion  
SANBAG Subregion  
Cerritos  
SGVCOG  
Tustin  
Paramount  
Monrovia  
Downey  
OCCOG  
Westlake Village  
SGVCOG  
Orange County  
Torrance  
Brea  
Oxnard  
Glendale

### **Members Absent**

Bosworth Gary  
Burgnon, Edward  
Campbell, Todd  
Coerper, Gil  
Dispenza, Mike  
Duke, Alta  
Longville, Susan  
Loveridge, Ronald  
Perry, Jan  
Poe, Marilyn  
Reyes, Ed  
Richardson, Laura  
Robertson, Deborah  
Shields, M. Jo  
Szerlip, Don  
White, Charles

### **Representing**

CVAG  
SANBAG  
Burbank  
Huntington Beach  
Palmdale  
La Palma  
SANBAG Subregion  
Riverside  
Los Angeles  
Los Alamitos  
Los Angeles  
Long Beach  
SANBAG Subregion  
Brawley  
South Bay Subregion  
WRCOG Subregion

### **New Members**

None

### **Representing**

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### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Paul Bowlen, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33m. Vice-Chair Bowlen acknowledged that the Committee would be losing three members in the coming months, Councilmember Bev Perry of Brea; Councilmember Keith McCarthy of Downey, and Councilmember Alta Duke of La Palma.

### **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Jose Andrade, resident of Los Angeles, gave a brief statement expressing his feeling that schools in disadvantaged areas have a need for better computer equipment and training to meet the state requirements for computer literacy before graduating from high school.

### **3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

Vice-Chair Bowlen stated that items 6.2 and 6.3 would be switched later in the agenda.

### **4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following consent calendar items were approved without objection.

#### **4.1 Approval Item**

##### **4.1.1 Minutes of the October 7, 2004 Meeting**

#### **4.2 Receive and File**

##### **4.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix**

### **5.0 ACTION ITEM**

5.1 There were no action items.

### **6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **6.1 Report: "Logistics and Distribution: An Answer to Regional Upward Social Mobility"**

John Husing, President, Economic and Politics, Inc., discussed the need to achieve upward mobility for the marginally educated population in Southern California. After some discussion Mr. Husing summarized that if the area's economic power is to be improved the economy must be freed of the constraints imposed by lack of truck, rail and airport infrastructure.

**6.2 General Plan Law Review**

Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development, gave a brief report on the review staff has done on the actual statutes of General Plan Law as expressed in General Plan Guidelines prepared by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. The need to look into the detail of General Plan Law came out of discussion on implementation of the 2% strategy of the COMPASS program. Ms. Harris reported that there is no law that local governments have to adopt the Regional Plans and put them into local governments' General Plans. The Guidelines use words like "should," "might want to," "it is advisable." The Guidelines make the case that local government might be remiss if they did not consult with regional plans and may also be out of step with other agencies, such as Caltrans, which implement their plans in their jurisdictions. Ms. Harris quoted from the General Plan Law using Codes 65103 and 65080. CEHD thanked Ms. Harris and asked to receive a written report for further discussion.

**6.2 Housing Element Compliance Report September 2004 Update**

Rongsheng Luo, Senior Regional Planner, presented the Housing Element Compliance and Building Report. Mr. Luo stated that SCAG prepares the Housing Element report as a service to the members and policymakers. The purpose is to monitor regional progress and performance towards meeting the state housing goals for the region. This report is an update of the November 2003 report. The report contains changes since the November 2003 report and is current through August 2004.

Vice-Chair Bowlen asked for the benefit of new members to explain what the Housing Element is and what does it mean to be out of compliance. Mr. Luo replied that the Housing Element is one of the 7 elements in the General Plan and under the State Housing Element law each jurisdiction in the State is required to submit a Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review. After review HCD would determine whether the housing element is in compliance. Jacob Lieb explained that if a jurisdiction is out of compliance the jurisdiction would not be eligible for state housing subsidies, though in recent years this has not been a major factor because there have not been funding available. Another major consequence is a jurisdiction being out of compliance opens themselves up to litigation from third parties, such as developers, low-income groups, etc. that can challenge the city's general plan.

Supervisor Norby asked about the Housing Need Assignment for the City of Industry and stated that he would pursue the question with staff outside the meeting.

**7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

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### **8.0 STAFF REPORT**

Jacob Lieb reminded the Committee about the upcoming SCAG Economic Forecast Conference scheduled for November 18 at the Disney Concert Hall, 111 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. For those members interested in registering a computer is available in the Regional Council meeting room.

Colin Lennard reported that an agreement had been reached with Department of Housing and Community Development on the RHNA dispute and SCAG has executed the agreement and now it is with HCD for their approval. Regional Housing Needs Assessment it has been agreed that HCD will not be sending any letters out to those communities that have already received compliance findings from HCD.

Jacob Lieb also passed out an announcement for a conference entitled The Entertainment Industry: City Building and the Development of Southern California to be held at The Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, Saturday, October 30, 2004. The conference is sponsored by the Los Angeles Regional Planning History group and the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West.


### **9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2004 at the SCAG Office.

**Action Minutes Approved by:**

  
Lynn Harris, Manager  
Community Development